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Town Manager Peter Caputo, left, presents Proclamation to Pat Guevin, editor and Bob Guevin, publisher, as Town Clerk Ed Caba looks on.
photo by Jack Devine

On Monday, March 20, 1978, the Agawam Town Council voted unanimously to proclaim the AGAWAM Advertiser/News as the "New Weekly Newspaper

serving Agawam". The proclamation was officially presented to the owners of this newspaper on Friday, March 24, 1978, by Town Manager Peter Caputo

and Town Clerk, Edward Caba. We are honored and greatly appreciative of this proclamation and will do our utmost to serve the journalistic needs of

the citizens of Agawam. We are also pleased to see the Council recognize talent when they see it. Many thanks to all of you.

The Town Council of the Town of Agawam takes pleasure in acclaiming the Agawam Advertiser/News as the new weekly newspaper serving the town and extends its best wishes for success and prosperity for many years to come.

By order of the Town Council of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, this twentieth day of March, 1978.

Attest: **Richard M. Theroux**
President

Edward A. Caba
Town Clerk

Class of '53 Reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1953 is planning a 25th reunion on May 27, 1978, at St. Anne's Country Club in Feeding Hills. All members of the class are being contacted. For more information about the reunion please contact Mrs. Smith Rovelli of Feeding Hills or Mrs. James D. Fogg of Agawam.

Gardner High Man Named as New Gridiron Coach

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam High Football controversy is over, ending last Tuesday night at a school committee meeting, where a physical education teacher from Gardner High School was appointed football coach for the upcoming 1978 fall season.

Mr. John Michalak, presently coaching at Gardner, will be at the helm for the Brownies this fall.

The decision came after a three month long period of debate in which previous Brownie coach Roger LeClerc was abruptly dropped from his position without explanation.

On last February 14, some 150 people turned out in front of the Agawam School Committee to plead their case in

favor of LeClerc remaining as the Brownie coach. Their plea was in vain, as the committee held their position to relieve him from the position. The request was later dismissed and Agawam was at the time minus one football coach.

LeClerc is presently set as the Golf Team coach at the High School this spring.

Michalak, originally from Agawam, has three years as head coach at Cathedral High School, and two years assistant coach at Chicopee High behind him. He is presently in his second year at Gardner, and will finish the school year there, starting in his new position in the new school year in the fall.

Michalak was unavailable at press time for comment.

Spring Has Sprung. . . So Have Agawam's Water Problems

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Last week's showers caused snows to melt and basements to flood throughout Agawam, but was not significant enough to cause major flooding through the town.

Despite the heavy showers, the rain had no significant impact on most of the small streams and ponds throughout the town. The potential for flooding still remains, since there still is some snow on the ground, with more rain still to come.

The rain did cause problems for motorists and homeowners, however.

The Agawam Police Department has been calling for D.P.W. road crews throughout the week to fill the numerous potholes that have developed in the town. The potholes have been more numerous than in recent years, according to one police spokesman.

The Fire Department is expecting calls from people with flooded basements if the melting is rapid.

"Normally we would work in conjunction with the D.P.W. crews with pumping out water from flooded streets. If the snow melts rapidly, we would also help the public with water in their basements", said Fire Chief Harold Snyder.

He went on to point out that the Fire Department is an emergency service, not a business service.

Unwanted Easter Bunnies

After Easter there is usually an abundance of unwanted homeless rabbits bought on a whim during the holiday excitement. The MSPCA urges you not to abandon a domestic animal to the wild where it has little chance to survive. It is kinder to bring an unwanted rabbit to an MSPCA shelter where, if a home cannot be found, it will be humanely put to sleep.

Scouts Visit Elderly

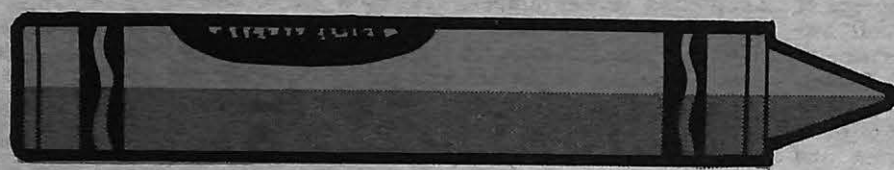


Members of Cub Scout Den 6, Pack 75 in Feeding Hills worked hard and had a great time in producing 135 Easter Baskets and over 200 colored eggs which they gave to residents in local nursing homes. Shown at Kelly's Rest Home are: standing in back, Pat Strom, Ernestine Wilson, and Den Mother Linda McDonald. Seated in back row are, from left: Mildred Sheldon, Josephine Charland, Cathryn Rowe, Mary Moriarty, Alice Wilson, and Lydia Archambault. Front Row, same order: Sean Montgomery, Robert Mathews, Robert Hunter, Brian McDonald, Kenny Berard, and Joey Barrett. The Easter Bunny is Jerry McDonald. Donations of goods for the baskets were made from Mrs. D's Country Store, Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Kings, Zayres, Edwards and Arthur's Drug Stores, Maiden Valley Poultry Farm.
photo by Jack Devine

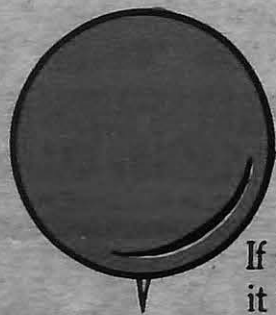
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The End of an Era

photo by Jack Devine



On April 3, 1978, an Agawam landmark, the Riverside Roller Rink, will fall victim to the wreckers ball. The decision has been made to tear down the structure to provide additional parking space for Riverside Park.

Built in 1911, the Roller Rink has become a symbol of the town itself. No true count is available, but Riverside Roller Rink is credited by hundreds as the place where they met their spouses for the first time. When it is torn down, many will be sad, and all that will be left are memories.

Since 1949, the Maiolo family, originally from Agawam, and now living in Suffield, Conn., have operated the rink on a lease basis from Riverside Park. Sue Maiolo, whose husband,

a professional skater in his youth, first took over operation of the rink thirty nine years ago, has continued on since his death in 1966. With the help of her son, David, and her daughter, Gay, and a lot of the "old help" who have remained loyal to the Maiolos throughout the years, Sue and her crew have provided countless hours of enjoyment for the people of Agawam and surrounding communities. Roller skating has been a major source of recreation for our youth and George Schaler, Director of the Agawam Youth Center, expressed concern about what he termed "an increase in youth related crime and drug abuse" once the rink is torn down and the kids have no place to go on Friday nights.

Despite the sadness, there is good news from the Maiolo family. Final plans have already been completed for the construction of a new rink which will be owned and operated by the Maiolos. The new rink will be built on the site of the old "Robins Den" on Main Street, just south of Riverside Park. Son David, who is a business major at Western New England College will head the operation which is scheduled for completion in September, 1978.

The new rink will have the same floor space as the old, but will be a bit more compact, and certainly much more modern. Many of the present employees will be staying on and much the same operating format will be adhered to.

Mrs. Maiolo said that she is a bit "sad" at the demise of the present rink. "I met my husband here", she said, "we have a lot of fond memories." Mrs. Maiolo was quick to add, however, that planning for the new rink has kept her extremely busy, and the excitement of the new project keeps her looking forward. "I don't look back", she said in parting.

A lot of people will "look back" for some time to come. For many will be saddened by the end of an era. "Thank you", Mrs. Maiolo, for the people of Agawam will always remember—even when there is nothing left but a parking lot.

Town Ready in Case of Flood

Director of Public Safety, John Slitch, stated recently that his department is ready for any flooding that may occur in Agawam this spring. Slitch recently sent over six hundred letters to residents of the River Road area. The letters asked some pertinent questions such as size of individual families, number of children, elderly, infirmed, etc. Slitch indicated that the returns from this questionnaire have been coming in rapidly.

He said that information acquired from the questionnaire enabled the various departments involved in the flood preparedness program to gain knowledge of who must be evacuated first in

case of flooding, and what types of shelter and amounts of supplies would be necessary to aid flood victims.

Slitch said that the people "should not become concerned...arrangements have been made in the event of flooding." He was quick to add that, so far, "mother nature has been good to us...the warm days and cold nights are allowing the snow to melt slowly.

The next two to three weeks will be the critical time since it will take that long for the waterways north of us to thaw, and at present it is difficult to predict exactly how much water the thaw will produce.

Scouts Hardworking Breed

by Steve Berard

The Cub Scout Pack 75 of Agawam worked very energetically in their two day paper drive under the direction of Cubmaster Dave Chapdelaine and others. These youngsters collected over 36,000 pounds of paper

in just a two day period. Den 6 led them all when they accumulated almost 10,000 pounds of paper governed by Denmother Linda McDonald. The money raised will be used in a trip these boys will take at the end of May.

Dance Marathon to Benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association

Did you ever feel so good you wanted to dance all night??? That's exactly what the students of Holyoke Community College will be doing at the 1st annual Holyoke Community College Dance Marathon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The 16-hour Marathon, which is sponsored by the Student Senate, will begin at 9:00 A.M., April 8 and will end at 1:00 A.M., Sunday, April 9. A & M Sound and WCCH Radio will be providing the continuous music in the Main Student Lounge for the dancers. Area businesses have supplied food and drink for the dancers. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded to the dancers that raise the

The money raised will go to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association support its worldwide research program and to provide free medical and recreational services to patients in Western Mass.

Mayor Proulx has proclaimed April 8 & 9 to be "Holyoke Community College-MDA Dance Marathon Weekend" and urges all residents of Holyoke to support the event.

Mr. David Bartley, President of the college, and Mayor Proulx have been invited to kick-off the event at 9:00 A.M., April 8th.

The general public is urged to sponsor dances and can do so by contacting the MDA office, 732-7464.

Agawam Community Federal Credit Union



Newly elected Board of Directors of the Agawam Community Federal Credit Union pictured from left to right: Front row - Richard Orr, William Quinn, Richard Morassi, Edie Chiba, Madeline Bitgood, Jane Barrientos; Back row - Norman McMahon, Raymond Wright, Charles Marquis, Robert Guevin. Not pictured is Alan Ferrigno.

The Agawam Community Federal Credit Union elected their new slate of officers at

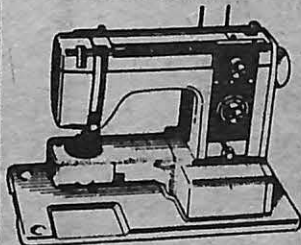
their first annual meeting held last Tuesday night at the V.F.W. Hall on South Street in Agawam. The Board of Directors will serve three, two and one year terms on a staggered basis. The Board of Directors is charged with setting and overseeing policy for the newly formed Credit Union.

The Credit Union is a cooperative association of persons who live or work in Agawam, operating under Federal Law, for the mutual benefit of its members through low cost loans and better than average earnings on savings. It also helps members use their savings and credit most effectively.

The Credit Union is owned and controlled by its members.

The Agawam Community Federal Credit Union is open to all residents and persons working in Agawam. The Community Credit Union is unaffiliated with the Agawam Town Credit Union, whose membership is open only to the 1400 Town employees. The Agawam Community Federal Credit Union has a potential 26,000 members which makes the newly elected Board of Directors optimistic for its future growth in the community. President of the Board, Attorney Richard Morassi, was high in his praise for Treasurer Richard Orr, whose efforts have been instrumental "in bringing this whole concept to life". Dick has put in many unpaid hours to get this organization on a sound footing and we owe him a debt of gratitude. In a relatively short time, we have seen a steady growth in the Credit Union, already paid our first dividend, and had high praise from the Federal examiners. Dick has done a great job."

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Business Profile:

Sinfonia Music

499 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This week, we would like to highlight Sinfonia Music, which is owned and operated by Larry and Marla Kublin at 499 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Music has been the lifelong occupation of both Larry and Marla. At the age of 7, Larry started studying trombone with Wayne Lewis, eminent trombonist and teacher in New York City. Throughout his school years, Larry qualified as solo trombonist with the New York and Massachusetts District and All-State Bands, as well as the all New England Band in 1959-60. After a year of professional

quality musical instruments, based in Kenosha, Wisconsin where he was responsible for the marketing and merchandizing of musical instruments and accessories throughout New England and part of New York State.

In September, 1966, the "dream of our own music store" became a reality, and Sinfonia Music opened. Larry returned to his "first love" by once again teaching instrumental music and Marla began private teaching of violin, her instrumental major.

Over the past 18 months, the store has grown tremen-

tion available. Quality in education is the emphasis, therefore only professional instructors are on staff.

In addition to Larry and Marla, other teachers are: Frank Zucco, guitar. Mr. Zucco has taught for over 30 years and is recognized as one of the finest jazz guitarists/teachers in the area. Elizabeth Knowles, woodwind specialist with the Springfield Schools Music Department, has recently joined the staff. "Liz" is the 1978 M.M.E.A. Western Dist. Band Manager and is a graduate of U. Mass.

Joel Maginsky, also with the

playing and study he entered the Boston Conservatory of Music, where he met Marla, who was a music education major, concentrating on violin study with Dr. Rouben Gregorian.

Larry was a charter member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a professional music fraternity, hence the name of the store. As a soloist with the Conservatory Wind Ensemble, Larry studied with the renowned brass pedagogist, John Coffey.

In 1966, Larry and Marla came to Western Mass., where he accepted a position as instrumental specialist, teaching brass, woodwind, string and percussion instruments, with the Springfield Schools Music Department at the elementary and secondary levels. After nine years of highly successful teaching, he took a position as District Manager for the G. Leblanc Corp., a manufacturer of high



Springfield Music Department is the most recent to join the Sinfonia staff. Holding the Masters Degrees in Music Education, Joel specializes in rock, bluegrass and picking styles of guitar & 5-string banjo. Music is their life and Marla and Larry invite you into their lives to share the beauty that is music. The Agawam Advertiser/News is pleased

dously. The students have shown excellence in their progress and have contributed greatly to the Agawam School bands. Instrumental sales, rentals and repairs for all musical instruments, including electronics repairs have expanded greatly. Special orders of music which is "hard to get" are a specialty.

The professional staff now includes five teachers, all of whom are music educators, either degree holding and/or experienced for many years, providing the finest instruc-

to feature merchants who enjoy their work so much. Larry and Marla are a special breed of people. . . they not only know and enjoy their specialty, but they just obviously enjoy people and life in general. Their friendly attitude is contagious and customers are treated as one of the family. If you are musically inclined or wish you were, we suggest you stop in at Sinfonia Music.

Yukon Derby Winners



Yukon Derby Winners from Cub Scout Pack 89 are: Back row left to right-Joseph Baruffaldi, Christopher Nichols, Brett Treganowan, John Hauser, and Christopher Mickna. Front Row, same order: Scott Hauser, Edward Drowns, Todd Kane, and Bruno Parbotta.

Cub Scout Pack 89, sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club recently finished as overall winners of a Yukon Derby held in February at the Horace Mosses Scout Reservation in Woronoco.

The boys competed in a dog sled race, an "ice saving throw", and various other winter sports activities.

Cub Master of Pack 89 is Richard Treganowan and Den Mother is Carol Treganowan

The Pack meets at the Agawam Baptist Church and any boy between the ages of 8 and 10 interested in joining are asked to contact Mrs. Tregowan.

Camp Funds Voted

The Town Council approved \$15,000 for the 1978 Summer Camp for Special Needs Children last week.

Funding for the program would come from the Parks and Recreation Department budget, Councilman Richard Theroux said.

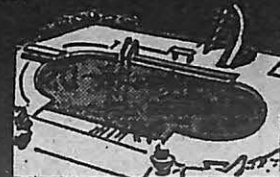
The six-week camp will start in early July and use the facilities at Agawam Junior High School, Theroux said. This will be the second year that the department has funded the program.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Agawam Historical Society Association Meeting 8:00 Captain Charles Leonard House

MARCH 29, 1978

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APRIL 1, 1978

Family Style Ham & Bean Supper Servings at 5 P.M. and 6 P.M. Agawam Baptist Church

APRIL 1, 1978

Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant 8:00 P.M. Agawam High School Auditorium

APRIL 1, 1978

11th Annual Americana Showcase Craft Fair 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Agawam Congregational Church

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Editorials

LET'S PRETEND

Pretend for a moment that you are a merchant. You have invested money and time in your own enterprise and after some lean years, are just beginning to see some results of your hard work. Pretend for a moment that you sell appliances. (It can be any other item you would like, for the high rollers out there.) On day during your prime selling period, a huge truck pulls up across the street from your store, opens the tailgate, and a person you have never seen before starts selling the same merchandise at prices you can't compete against. Your customers leave the store in a few moments and purchase their wares from the stranger. Can you imagine what thoughts must curse through your mind? How unfair of the stranger. How disloyal of my patrons. How can this happen?

It happens every day. The passing vendor may be local or from outside the community. He might sell appliances from a catalogue, but more than likely he sells an impulse item such as flowers, candy or balloons. Is the damage any less because you are not a merchant or because he isn't selling your particular item? We suggest that the damage is just as severe. The transient street vendor does not pay property taxes, does not hire people from the community, pays no social security or withholding taxes. . . he simply takes business away from the retail merchant unlucky enough to sell the same type of merchandise. The local merchant cannot compete because of his overhead. The transient invests a few dollars and days and walks out of the community with the money that should rightfully go to the local merchant.

Some people suggest that the transient's prices are so much lower that this is proof that the local merchant is ripping off the local people and doesn't deserve their support. We suggest that you reanalyze the economic facts of life before you point the finger. Also, we suggest you remember the everpresent "door-to-door" salesman" and his traditional bill of goods before you buy. Some of the transient vendors are no doubt nice people but we suggest strongly that you consider the effect your buying habits have on your local community. Personally, we have no use for transient vendors. . . they are an economy we can't afford.



It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

We appreciate the kind words and letters in response to this column in our last issue. However, I would like to make it perfectly clear that I am not contemplating selling my first born child. I was simply making the point that the advertising base in Agawam might not be entirely sufficient to support this newspaper if we continued to run the same percentage of news to advertising. Please do not panic. We don't plan on selling the paper to new owners or stop delivering it to your home. We will continue to bring you the local news. Please do not send in money to us. . . until we ask. We are not quite prepared to pursue a paid weekly newspaper at this time. You have been kind and we appreciate it. Please bear with us until we figure out what we are doing.

My four year old daughter is growing up. She offered to help me change the baby's diapers the other day (I get custody every once in a while). I told her to wait until I was finished what I was doing and I would get the baby's things from the bedroom. By the time I reached the living room, the baby's diapers were off and the four year old was dragging her sister across the rug by the heels. . . bollicking. Needles to say, the baby was screaming disapproval and I was pleased we have brown carpeting. After I cleaned the mess, I mentioned that she should wait for me before attempting to peel the baby like a banana. Sometime, I'll tell you how she helps with the dishes. I'll never understand why kids have to go through the awkward age. . . between two and eighteen.

I'll also never understand how my four year old daughter can go from Peter Pan to the Incredible Hulk. She seems to thrive on both. I mean, how can anybody watch Peter Pan?

Communication has become so rapid in this country, we see a one hour "special" whenever a public figure dies. The special is on before the deceased is cold. I can't wait for T.V. to come of age. . . perhaps we'll get to see an instant replay on a split screen.

On the brighter side, at least T.V. weathermen have stopped referring to an "acceptable" level of pollution. I always wondered who accepted it?

The Connelly Report



I would certainly hope that this will be the last time that I am forced to advise that the Court reform bill has been postponed. Debate on this matter, scheduled for last Wednesday has been set for March 29.

It would seem that the dollar distribution formula for each city and town had not been finalized in time for last Wednesday's session.

Those in favor of the Unequal Education formula distribution were also delayed when the special commission failed to hold an executive session to approve the formula. We now have a feeling that further revision to the formula factors, attempting to increase dollar distribution to those cities

and towns outside the central urban area is in the works. This, of course, would enable the proponents of the Unequal Education distribution to seek additional votes from those communities who would have an even choice when comparing dollar amounts from Unequal Education distribution against total court reform costs.

The Ways and Means hearing continued on the fiscal 1979 budget and will be finalized next week. The budget debate appears to be on schedule barring unforeseen developments.

Edward W. Connelly
565 River Road
Agawam, Massachusetts

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Jr. High group at St. Davids Church and to Rev. and Mrs. Benshoff for inviting me to their Paschal Meal. The kids did a super job and should be congratulated on their efforts.

With spring fast approaching, and roads becoming clear again, drivers seem to have a tendency to speed up when proceeding down some of the streets here in town. Let me urge you to please **SLOW DOWN**. More and more children are out enjoying themselves after a long winter indoors, and motorists should drive with caution, especially in heavily populated areas. When kids are riding their bikes or big wheels, they really aren't watching out for cars-the drivers of the cars must watch out for them.

THE ISSUES

...at a glance

About this article: because deadlines for a weekly paper are the previous Friday, a time lapse of three to four days may occur between the time the article is written and you receive it at your home. This article will outline the issues briefly as of deadlines. They may be inoperative as news by delivery date. Please accept them for what they are:

Planning Board . . .

The comprehensive zoning changes currently being formulated and proposed by the Planning Board are still expected to meet with resistance by members of the business community. The Planning Board has scheduled an 8:30 P.M. meeting with the Agawam's Businessmen's Association for Wednesday, March 29, at the Middle School Cafeteria.

All parties seem to agree that zoning changes are necessary to prevent random and haphazard growth and to protect the residential and business zoned areas in town. The rub appears to be the proposed zoning changes which affect areas such as Springfield St., Suffield St. and portions of Main St. There also appears to be questions as to the definition of what constitutes a "family". Apparently, the word "family" may be critical as to enforcement of commercial use of an occupancy in a residentially zoned neighborhood.

The Planning Board feels that changes are essential now to control the expected future growth of the community and to insure that the town services are available to future residents at a price the taxpayer can afford.

The Businessmen's Association feels that the zoning changes are too comprehensive and will severely hurt individual businessmen and property owners. They insist that such substantial changes superimposed over an existing community must do more harm to the community than the proposed future good. The Businessmen's Association has urged a large turnout for this meeting by their membership and all other interested parties.

An inside source close to the Planning Board expects that there will be compromises made by both parties, but that both sides must be prepared to accept change.

Police Chief. . .

The question of returning the position of Police Chief to Civil Service, voted on in a non-binding referendum recently, is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on April 3. The issue is expected to be brought to a vote. The voter turnout of 9% is not viewed as a mandate in either direction and the Town Council vote is still a question.

Reorganization. . .

The reorganization plan is on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on Monday, April 3, 1978. The Town Council has two choices: to reject the plan outright thereby effectively killing the entire issue and allowing the new Town Manager, Peter Caputo, to bring in his own version of reorganization. On the other hand, the Council may do nothing. They have the option of tabling the matter which would, in effect, bring the issue before the voters in the form of a special referendum. The referendum would probably take place early June because of the "gear-up time" necessary to go through the proper channels. Mr. Caputo has strongly recommended that the Council allow the matter to go before the voters. He has stated that the town has had enough court battles and referendums and that the administration should not give the appearance to circumvent the wishes of the court. "At this point it appears to be strictly a legislative matter and the people should decide," according to Mr. Caputo. He further stressed that reorganization must be established in some form to properly handle the day to day decisions necessary to effectively run the government. Mr. Caputo believes that the basic plan is good, but that "it was improperly handled. There was no evaluation time, no job descriptions, and no qualifications established."

Until the plan is acted upon by the Town Council or by the voters, the reorganization plan is effective. The directors are evidently still performing their appointed functions but the question of pay and compensation is unresolved by presstime. Mr. Caputo was meeting with counsel on the matter.

Capital Budget. . .

The Town Council has scheduled a workshop meeting to review the Capital Budget on Thursday, March 30.

ABOUT THIS SERIES. . .

In the coming weeks, the AGAWAM Advertiser/News will be spotlighting various town officials. We began with the new Town Manager and are now featuring a member of the Town Council each week. We hope to eventually cover all Departments in town and thus hope to enlighten our readers and perhaps help them to become more familiar with their system of government and its members.

Paul Fieldstad



Precinct 6

The father of five, and a lifelong resident of Agawam, Councilman Paul Fieldstad describes himself as "not a politician". He said he originally became involved in Town government because he saw things which needed to be done, on the one hand, and people who wouldn't get involved on the other. Fieldstad stated that it is necessary to show young people today what needs to be done, and how to do it so that they will want to become involved in their town and will be effective in their efforts.

Fieldstad attended Agawam schools and served two years in the Army. He was an elected Town Meeting Member for seven years, a Planning Board member for five years, and has been on the Town Council since its inception. At the present time, he is a member of both the High School Building Committee and the Library Building Committee.

Fieldstad had nothing but praise for the Library Building Committee saying that they were "fantastic to work with." He stated that they had "encountered no problems at all...everything is on schedule, and the library will be open in September." He said that the new library "is the first Agawam public library built for all of the people in town...it is in the exact center (apex) of town." Fieldstad noted that the new

library is also the first building to be built in town under the new form of government. "It will be a showcase...first class," he said proudly.

The "orderly growth of the town" is high on Fieldstad's list of priorities. He stated that he was a very "tax conscious individual", and wanted Agawam's growth to be balanced so as not to radically alter our tax base one way or the other. He said that the present form of government had made "some great strides...we have kept the tax increases down."

On the issue of reorganization, Fieldstad commented: "the basics are right, the director concept is good. What is needed, however, are job descriptions so that the best qualified people are appointed." He stated that the present Council was "a good thinking Council", and that he is sure this form of government will live up to the expectations of the people.

Fieldstad did comment that it was difficult to talk about himself. He says he loves what he is doing and gets a lot of positive response from not only his constituents, but those in other precincts as well. He doesn't campaign, and said that for the last election, he put up one sign, and took out one newspaper ad. He prefers to let his work speak for itself, and apparently those people who re-elected him like the quality of his work.

Agawam Town Beautification Committee to Meet

The Agawam Town Beautification Committee will meet on March 28, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. in the Agawam Town Hall.

There will be discussions on spring plantings and projects to be undertaken this spring and summer.

All areas of the town are represented on this committee with the exception of North Agawam. If anyone living in North Agawam is interested in representing that area, they are welcome

to attend this meeting.

Last fall the annual Award Night was cancelled due to a lack of interest on the part of local businesses in cleaning up and beautifying their properties. The Committee hopes to continue giving awards of appreciation this year.

The Agawam Town Beautification Committee is appealing to all the citizens to clean up and beautify the Town of Agawam.

Former Resident Promoted

Leon F. Herbert of East Longmeadow has been named manager of the Monsanto Co.'s chemical plant in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Herbert joined Monsanto's Bircham Bend plant in Indian formerly Shawinigan Resins as a production supervisor in 1960, and in 1973 was named general manufacturing supervisor.

He is a 1956 graduate of Agawam High School and earned his undergraduate and masters degrees in chemical engineering at the University of Massachusetts.

Hebert is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Hebert, 86 Silver Street, Agawam. Herbert, his wife, the former Pasqualina Basile, and their three children reside in Westfield, New Jersey.

Legal Notices Accepted

The Agawam Advertiser/News is very pleased to announce that we are a legally recognized publication for Legal Notices. Mr. John O'Brien, Registrar of Probate in Springfield and Hampden County has officially announced our acceptance by his office to publish Legal Notices for

the Agawam/Feeding Hills area.

We are pleased to call this to the attention of the legal profession and the citizens of Agawam. We encourage the use of our paper for Probate matters, Town Hearings, Lost Passbooks, and other legal notifications.

Obituaries

Gregory T. Cardell

Gregory T. Cardell, 10 month old son of Thomas and Debbie (Krafft) Cardell of 33 Norman Terrace, died Monday, March 20, at home of sudden infant death syndrome, according to Dr. George Vassos, associate medical examiner of Hampden County. He was born May 5, 1977 in Springfield. Besides his parents, he leaves his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cardell of East Hartford, Conn., and Richard Krafft of West Springfield. A graveside service was held in Springfield Street Cemetery. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.

Dominick Pisano

Dominick Pisano of 700 Springfield Street died Thursday, March 23. He leaves his wife Mary (Fernandez) Pisano; a brother Ralph Pisano; and two sisters, Mildred Losito and Marion Pienkowski. The funeral was held Saturday, March 25 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Agawam Center Cemetery. On Saturday, April 1 at 9 a.m., a liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Mr. Pisano.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

This is in reference to Mr. Bill Chiba's latest in a long line of articles glorifying the All American Hunter.

I admit to being an animal lover of all sizes and kinds, and it is incredible to me that anyone needs legislation to keep him from killing any animal that strives to exist simply for the pleasure of watching it die. In Mr. Chiba's article, which borders on the hysterical, he alternately cries and bristles over the "dictatorial authority" of several members of different organizations concerned with preserving wildlife in this and other countries. He speaks of them as if they were some sort of spy ring trying to "infiltrate" and corrupt the American way of life with their "world wide scheme". He seems to take the efforts of the Endangered Species Scientific Authority and the Defenders of Wildlife as a personal attack against himself and all hunters. I think that he has misinterpreted their motives. His list of "anti-hunters" is impressive but it is unfortunate that they may never be as powerful as the National Rifle Association Lobby. What "practical, professional research" has the NRA done to justify the pleasure killing of thousands of animals, endangered or otherwise?

We taxpayers have little to say about where our tax dollars are spent but I am glad to see some of it go toward preserving what I consider to be a precious part of my life, and that is the mystery and beauty of wild animals. It is sad that Mr. Chiba feels he must have the right to exterminate whichever animal he chooses with whatever weapon gives him the most challenge and pleasure.

B.J.G.

To the Editor:

Yes!! We will pay 10 cents or whatever is reasonable for quality local news. When we stop to think that it costs us 15 cents DAILY for scanty local coverage to another newspaper, we think your newspaper is certainly deserving of paying it's publisher's living expenses. Here's hoping that your other readers feel likewise. Another down-to-earth publishing organization might be a long time coming.

Ed & Cindy Weber

To the Editor:

Your column, "It's Amusing", in the March 21st issue was not at all amusing. I am disappointed and disturbed at the prospect you may have to cease publication or, equally bad, alter the format. Of course, as a fellow businessman, I recognize that you can stay in business only as long as you can earn a living. But as an Agawam businessman, I need a local paper, not the Springfield paper, to offer my services to local customers.

In addition, as an Agawam resident, I enjoy the paper. In just a few issues I've learned of achievements, personalities, and programs that I otherwise would have missed.

There is no substitute for a local paper, and the AGAWAM Advertiser/News is doing an excellent job fulfilling that role. Please keep publishing.

To back up my position, find enclosed our business check for this week's advertising bill and my personal check for \$5.20 -- a year's subscription.

Sincerely,
Al Bauer
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This Week's Young Businessman

Ray is a seventh grade student at the Agawam Middle School. He plays both baseball and basketball for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. Aside from sports, Ray also likes to build models and collect miniature cars. Ray says his hobby is rebuilding bikes and he also enjoys working with wood.

Ray is the son of Mrs. Nancy Couture and has a younger brother, Robert, and a younger sister Nannette.

Once a week Ray can be seen delivering the Advertiser/News on the following streets: Franklin Street, Kensington Street, Amherst Avenue and Griffin Place.



Ray Couture

Twelve year old Ray Couture of Amherst Avenue, Feeding Hills has been selected as this week's AGAWAM Advertiser/News "Young Businessman of the Week".

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April Discoveries

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by Steve Berard

The Springfield Science Museum is accepting registration for its 4-week series of April Discovery Workshops. These Saturday workshops begin on April 8.

Four Plus Five - for 4 & 5 year olds from 1-2 P.M. will consist of activities, games and projects with plants, trees and flowers. **Nature Detectives** - for ages 6 & 7 meets from 10:30-12 Noon. Participants will explore animal mysteries and nature's clues. **Starwatchers** - for ages 9 and above meeting from 12:30-2:00 P.M. will have participants using the planetarium, making starfinders and astrolabs to investigate stars, planets, meteors and more.

Registration is required and a fee is charged for workshops. Registration can be made by contacting the museum's Discovery Place at 732-4317 or visit the museum on the Quadrangle.



Gina Nicora

Gina M. Nicora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Nicora, Jr., was recently honored at the regular meeting of the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughter of American Revolution as the Outstanding Citizen from Agawam High School.

Gina is a Senior at Agawam High School, and is active in the Color Guard, and president of the Future Secretary's Association.

Upon graduation from high school, Gina will attend Bay Path Junior College, enrolled in the Certified Professional Secretarial Course.

Commerce Class Reunion

Commerce Class Reunion

The High School of Commerce class of 1927 1/2 and 1928 will hold its 50th reunion on June 28, 1978. Anyone wishing more information or knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact Florence Simpson Baker at 786-1868, or Henrietta Del Dotto Monczka at 786-2393.

Special Ed Film

On March 29, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. in the Untied Way Building, 184 Mill Street, Springfield, The Hampden County Council for Special Education Services will present a film on CORE. A representative from Western Mass. Legal Services will be present to answer personal questions. An opportunity to raise local issues from our area will be part of the agenda. Refreshments will be served. Special Needs Education in Agawam have long needed attention, so come and bring a friend.

Concerned with good prenatal care and the prevention of birth defects, the Childbirth Education Association of Greater Springfield and the Pioneer Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes have jointly provided funding for an early pregnancy seminar to be conducted by the C.E.A. held on the first Thursday of every month from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Providence Hospital. The seminar will emphasize the relationship between proper nutrition and the avoidance of drug intake to fetal growth. Information about early prenatal care will be provided by a registered nurse who is also a C.E.A. instructor, and a professional nutritionist. Films on nutrition and fetal development will also be used. The seminar is offered to the public free of charge. For further information, call the Childbirth Education Association at 533-1004.

Doctor Joins Practice



Dr. David Page

Drs. Pace, Chabot & Guardione of 281 State St., Springfield take pleasure in announcing the association of Dr. David W. Page for the practice of general surgery. Dr. Page has been in private practice in Springfield since 1975. He was graduated from Springfield College in 1965 and the University of Toronto Medical School in 1970. In addition to private practice, Dr. Page has been assistant to the Director of the Intensive Care Unit at Baystate Medical Center since 1975. He was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1976.

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It won't be long now 'til warmer weather, with temperatures presently reaching the 50's. But take heed sportsmen before you take out the fishing rods and golf clubs. According to the National Weather Service, the average amount of snowfall in our region for April is 1.6 inches.

Stage West's final performance of the 1977-78 season will be a Jack Heifner production called "Vanities". This show is currently the longest running play on Broadway. The play deals with the growing up process of three Texan girls. If interested you may call the Box Office at 736-7092 for further information.

For the collectors in the audience there will be a coin show on Sunday, April 2, from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. It will be held at the Sheraton Inn on Riverdale Road, West Springfield, and there will be door prizes every hour. There will also be a show of collectables called the Collectocon VII. This show will feature such items as comic books, baseball cards, war and movie posters, Beatle items and much, much more. It will take place on Sunday, April 16 at the Highpoint Motor Inn, Chicopee, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

In our valley, people have come to associate the name Americana Showcase with the Agawam Congregational Church and the coming of spring as well.

Antique hunters will be pleased to note that the Historical Society will be presenting some rare antiques from the past. For more information call the church, then take a ride over. It will be held on April 1st. The doors open at 10 A.M. and close at 4 P.M.

The Westfield Wildwater Canoe Club will sponsor the 25th year of racing on the Westfield River. The races will take place on the weekends of April 1st and 2nd, and April 8th and 9th. Over 2000 paddlers are expected to compete in the forty different classes.

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, March 29, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Cafeteria, 100 Main Street, Agawam.

The Ladies Aid of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. on Friday, April 14th from 10-2 and 6-8.

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street, Agawam, Mass. 01001

We still have a few tickets left for our Spring Dance to be held on Sunday, April 2, from 2 to 4 P.M. Tickets are 75c and must be bought in advance at the Senior Center and is open only to Seniors.

Our exercise class with Terry Hodskins is very successful. Come limber up on Mondays at 10 A.M. The charge is \$1.50 for four classes.

Our N.Y. trip on April 5 will be leaving the Senior Center at 7:30 A.M.

Our mini bus with it's lift for wheel chairs is available for all handicapped people. Please do not make doctors appointments on Wednesdays or on Thursday mornings.

LUNCH MENUS

For the week of March 27 - 31.
Monday - Lambettes, shredded potatoes, broccoli, orange.
Tuesday - Grilled wieners with cheese macaroni, lettuce, plums.
Wednesday - Pork chops, sweet-sour, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, custard.
Thursday - Grinders on roll, corn, cheese cake.
Friday - Tuna Patties with cheese, mixed vegetables, ice cream.

For the week of April 3 - 7:
Monday - Swedish meatballs, rice, Chinese cabbage, apple.
Tuesday - Pot roast, mashed potatoes, sweet-sour bean salad, cookies.
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Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant contestants. From left to right: Lisa Losito, Donna Cannava, Nancy Hill, Maureen Trempe, Heidi Malinowski, Sylvia Rosario, Ann Marie Anetzberger, Lisa Brozini, Debbie Santini and Maureen McDonald. Contestants were presented at a ball held recently held at the Silver Carriage Inn. The pageant will be held on Saturday night, April 1, at the Agawam High School.

Holly Kinnell Featured Performer



Miss Holly Kinnell of Agawam will be a featured performer at this year's Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Pageant to be held at the Agawam High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 1, 1978 at 8:00 P.M.

Currently a Dean's List student in Veterinary Medicine at Holyoke Community College, Holly is also a most accomplished vocalist having appeared in a number of local musical productions such as "My Fair Lady", "Camelot" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". A 1975 graduate of Agawam High School, Holly played the lead role in the musical production of "Dates and Mates" and was selected to sing in District, All State,

and All Eastern Chorus. She was the featured performer this year at the Western New England College Parents Day and was invited for a return engagement at the same College's Homecoming festivities opening the show for noted comedian David Frye.

Holly has also appeared outside the local area in such night spots as the Holiday Inn in Providence, R.I., and as the featured act in the opening night celebration at Ron's Haus Supper Club, also in Providence. Back home again Holly has appeared at the Lounge 21 with noted performer, Larry Carnes. There is little doubt that this warm and personable young lady is a talent extraordinaire.

High School Students to Write on Lung Topics

High school students around the state are invited to take part in an essay contest on the lungs, sponsored by the Lung Associations in Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Thoracic Society (MTS). Earle, B. Weiss, MD, president of MTS, said "a secondary school student may choose any subject relating to lungs as the essay topic." Examples of possible subjects include diseases of the lung such as asthma, emphysema, influenza, or tuberculosis; or breathing hazards such as air pollution, smoking, asbestos or silica.

The essay entries must average between 1,000-1,500 words and must be typed or legibly written. Each student's name, address, phone, age and school must accompany the composition. Entries must be submitted by noon on May 15. Essays should be sent to the Massachusetts Thoracic Society, 385 Elliot Street, P.O. Box 427, Newton Upper Falls, 02164 or to your Lung Association.

Each of the affiliate Lung Associations will select a regional semi-finalist who will be awarded a \$50 bond. Then all seven semi-finalists' entries will be reviewed by a committee and the statewide winner will receive an additional \$150 in bonds.

For more information, contact the Massachusetts Thoracic Society, 385 Elliot Street, P.O. Box 427, Newton Upper Falls, 02164 at 969-1090 or get in touch with your local Lung Association.

New Business Opens

This area's newest children's clothing store has just opened in Southwick. Little Settlers features famous name brands for both boys and girls, in sizes layette thru 14. Also included are a number of hand made items. Located at the Grist Mill Plaza, where Rt. 57 meets Rt. 202. Little Settlers is owned by Susan Lathrop of Feeding Hills.

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As our 1977-78 club year draws to a close, we wish to thank all those who have supported our club and its projects and have made our twentieth anniversary year such a successful one.

Vickie Catchepaugh Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Catchepaugh of 130 Raymond Circle, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Joann to Philip R. Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Webber of 335 Parker St., Newton, Mass.

Miss Catchepaugh, a graduate of Agawam High School, received a B.A. in English and Secondary Education from Simmons College in Boston.

A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell University, Mr. Weber is employed by I.B.M. of Kingston, New York.

The wedding will take place May 28th.

4-H Equestrians Hold Car Wash

On April 2, 1978, the Agawam 4-H Equestrians will hold a car wash at Donatini Brothers Gas Station, 960 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost of a car wash will be \$.99, and proceeds will be used to pay for spring shots for members' horses.

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Golden Agers News

The Agawam Golden Agers will hold their Annual Installation Luncheon on April 12 at St. Anne's Country Club. Cocktail Hour will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12 noon.

At the March 22 meeting of the Golden Agers, the club was entertained by Sister St. Louise at the piano, and Sister Regina Delores on violin. The Sisters, from Mount Marie thrilled the audience with their music. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

W.S.C. Dean's List

Dr. Noel J. Reyburn, Vice President and Academic Dean at Worcester State College announced last week that Myriam Y. Ulloa, 80 Chestnut Lane, Agawam, has qualified for the Academic Dean's List during the recent Fall Semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a quality point average of 3.3 or more out of a possible 4.0 during the semester.

A.I.C. Dean's List

Attaining Dean's List status for the first term at American International College are the following Agawam area residents.

In the School of Psychology and Education: Davis S. Graham, 177 River Rd., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Graham.

In the School of Liberal Arts: Lynn Ann Arnold, 51 Wilson St., the daughter of Mr. Raymond G. Arnold; Anne M. Rascona, 61 Randall St., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rascona; Peter J. Theodorowicz, 44 Silver Lake Drive, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Theodorowicz; Beatriz Ortiz, 156 Suffield St.; Dennis Roberts, 61 Arbor Rd., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Roberts and Lydia Anne Dymon, 69 Coronet Circle, Feeding Hills, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley T. Dymon.

The School of Business Administration: John A. Reske, 188 Rowley St., the son of Mrs. Jennie Reske and Mr. Berthold Reske of Springfield; Paul Scales, 80 Reed St., the son of Mrs. G. Kendall Scales and Ronald Downing, 11 Southwick Hill Dr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dowding of Southwick.

Trippa Supper

President Al Dugan of Holy Name Society of Agawam St. Anthony's Church said it will be "Go" with the green light 6 to 8 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29. Tuesday, March 28, Holy Name members will set up tables, etc., and Holy Rosary women will prepare the "Trippa". The "Trippa Formula" came from Italy. In the early centuries, the formula was handed down from generation to generation and was never written down. Each generation has kept the formula in their "Testa" head and handed the formula verbally down to their children to the present time.

The Trippa Supper is open to the public. Tickets can be obtained at the door.

Additional Scholarships Available

In addition to the scholarships listed in our March 21 issue, the following are also being offered:

Judy Juzba Scholarship - open to any senior who is furthering his or her education.

Mary Stellato Scholarship - open to any senior planning a career in nursing.

Wrestling Scholarship - open to any senior wrestlers seeking to continue their education.

Applications are available at the high school guidance office. Deadline for returning the applications to the guidance office is April 3, 1978.

Hockey Parents Shoe Sale

The Agawam High Hockey Parents will hold a shoe sale on March 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam High cafeteria. Women's shoes will be available at a cost of \$7.00 per pair. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the hockey scholarship fund.

Robinson Park School Open House

The Spring Open House at Robinson Park School will take place on Thursday, March 30, between 7 and 9 P.M. Teachers have already scheduled individual appointments with parents in order to avoid long waits and traffic congestion.

The school's PTO will hold a bake sale that night and will also accept any articles to be donated for the tag sale to be held in May.

School Lunch Menus

Menu for the week of March 27-31

Mon., Mar. 27 - potted beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, white bread and butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Tues., March 28 - hamburger on roll, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, sliced cheese, mustard, ketchup, relish, fruited jello with whipped topping, milk.

Wed., Mar. 29 - Orange juice, pizza with cheese and tomato sauce topping, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and French dressing, ½ peanut butter sandwich, chocolate pudding with whip topping, milk.

Thurs., Mar. 30 - white meat turkey with gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, garnish. Rye bread and butter, orange blossom cake with butter icing, milk.

Fri., Mar. 31 - Filet of haddock sandwich, oven French fried potatoes, buttered niblet corn, ice cream sandwich, milk, tartar sauce or ketchup.

For the week of April 3 - 7

Mon., April 3 - toasted bologna and cheese sandwich in roll, pickle chips, mustard or mayonnaise, tossed salad with shredded carrots and French Dressing, chilled fruit cup.

Tues., April 4 - potted beef in gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered diced carrots, whole wheat bread and butter, applesauce cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wed., April 5 - chilled fruit juice, curly macaroni in hamburger and spa gheri sauce, creamy cabbage and carrot salad, Italian bread and butter, jello with whip topping.

Thurs., April 6 - sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, oven French fried potatoes, ketchup, buttered green beans with peanut garnish, chocolate pudding with whip topping, milk.

Fri., April 7 - meatball grinder with tomato sauce and cheese topping, buttered kernel corn, peach crisp, milk.

Re-enactment of Last Supper



Re-Enactment of Paschal Meal at St. David's Church. Left to right: Denise Mortimer, Bill Myers, Greg Riberdy, Diana Beilson, Fr. Benshoff, Scott Mortimer, Raelene Davis, Beverly Johnson, and Cindy Carpenter.

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On March 23, Maundy Thursday, the Junior High aged group of St. David's Church, Springfield St., Feeding Hills re-enacted, for family members and guests, the Paschal Meal, or Last Supper.

The children served guests with such items as bitter herbs - horseradish, matoz, haroses and some sprigs of green herb, in this case, parsley. Wine was passed

four times throughout the ceremony and unleavened bread, broken from a common loaf was passed twice.

Throughout, the guests were told of the meaning of the various food items and of their place in The Last Supper.

Roast Lamb and rice were served for the meal, which was eaten in silence. Fr. and Mrs. Benshoff of St. David's assisted in the ceremony and some of the mothers helped in the meal preparation. All of the serving was done by the youth group who deserve praise for the fine job they did and the solemnity with which they carried out their Paschal Meal.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade



Prior to the St. Patrick's Day parade in Holyoke, Town Manager Peter Caputo reviewed and met members of the Auxillary Police. Pictured from left are: Captain James Martone, Auxillary Police Unit; Romeo Borgatti, Chief of Police; Caputo; Philip Caputo; John Devine, Chief of the Auxillary Police; Rep. Ed Connelly; and Councilman Ken Barnes.

photo by Russ Mansfield

Albano Candidacy



At a recent Albano fund raiser [left to right] Jack O'Brien, Tom Franco, Mike Foy, Mike Albano, Edward O'Brien, and Tom Coppolla.

photo by Jack Devine

Michael Albano is running a personal campaign to restore confidence in state government.

The 27-year-old probation officer will seek the Democratic nomination for state Senator from the Second Hampden-Hampshire District. In addition to his duties as a probation officer, Albano teaches evening classes at Springfield Technical Community College.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice from American International College.

He is currently working toward his second master's degree in public administration from the University of Hartford. He presently resides in Longmeadow.

Albano said he "wants to get involved". As a result of

his work at the court, he had submitted a proposal to raise the legal drinking age to 21. It calls for gradual increase of the drinking age over a four year period. His proposal has been incorporated in the legislation now before the state House of Representatives.

Albano also supports the court reform measures, but does not adhere to the reduction of property tax as a selling point for the reform. "The changes should come about for the administration of justice," he said.

Albano is, however, seeking to relieve the local property tax burden by endorsing the creation of a Community Development Authority to attract industry to the state.

He said such a commission has been successfully estab-

lished in Connecticut which attracts businesses to the state by offering low interest loans to prospective clients. The increase of industry within the state will provide jobs and increase tax revenue thus relieving some of the burden to the taxpayer, he said.

Albano said he will also seek to return the state lottery money to the cities and towns as it was originally intended. He said last year the state deposited about \$45 million into the general fund instead of returning it to the cities and towns. This action caused an effect on local tax rates, he said.

Albano said he will be seeking election to the state senate by facing the issues and responding to the views of the voters.

Riverside Record

The Riverside Lanes of Agawam has a new triple king, Rich Villeneuve, with a 472 series, which is a new house record. The 472 surpasses the old mark held jointly by Joe Limotti and Jim Orlandi.

Limotti had a 470 in the 1970-71 season, which was the record until Orlandi hit it last year.

Villeneuve, while bowling in the Independent Commercial League, spun off strings of 145, 159, and 168, which is incredible as he has been bowling in leagues for only six years. As of this past year, Villeneuve has increased his average to a 118 by bowling two nights a week.

Villeneuve, who's out of Springfield bowls lefthanded but golfs righthanded.

Also recently at the Riverside Lanes, Dan Rising of Feeding Hills rolled a 191 in the Monday Night Social League. Rising, a 103 average bowler, sparked by compiling a string with four strikes in a row.

Jr. Swimmers To Compete

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam Junior High School will be the scene of intramural swimming competition among the school's finest swimmers this week. The competition began yesterday, March 27, and is running until this Saturday, April 1.

Competitors such as Phil Butler, Barry Gallerani, and Michelle George, will be competing for top rankings in each category. Last year's swim team of Phil Butler, Marjorie Dickman, Pam Marieb, Michelle George, and Karl Richie will be returning from last year's meet to compete against many newcomers. They'll be defending their titles against many eight graders joining the ranks of the swim team.

Pam Marieb is expected to finish strongly this year, as she has previously. Marieb is expected to finish with the 100 free race to her credit, adding to her long list of swimming titles.

Coaching the events is Mr. Smith, the swimming teacher and swim team coach at the Junior High.

The preliminaries are scheduled to run through this week, with the finals finishing up next week. Twelve students placing in the preliminary events will advance to the finals in each category.

The public is invited with free admission.

Area Bowlers Note:

Area bowlers may be interested to learn that the Riverdale Lanes will run a Grand-A-Man tournament from April 8 through September 3, with a purse of \$21,000. The prize money is staked at just about the highest in the area.

The lanes hope to attract championship bowlers from

the New York area, where purses run as high as \$125,000. That's nothing compared to the tournaments in Ohio, where the payoff is close to a million dollars.

It's a 75% handicap affair, so the tourney should draw bowlers of all levels. Information about the tournament can be picked up at any local bowling center.

Fall Sports Signups

Sign ups for Fall Sports girls and boys soccer, football and cheerleading will be held on Saturday, April 15th, at the Middle School Cafeteria from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Because of the ever growing popularity in all team sports, coaches and helpers are badly needed. The Parks and Recreation can provide the

opportunity for your child but you, the volunteers who coach and work directly with the kids make success happen. If help cannot be obtained, some children will lose out in this learning experience.

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Sports

A·H·A· Closes Season



The Agawam Hockey Association's 8-10 A team finished their season in first place. Coached by Mike Byrne, team members are [left to right] Back row: Mike Byrne, Mike Parolo, Paul Ferraro, Bill Beauregard, Russ Stetson, Greg Daniels, Jeff Hill, and Rich Parolo, Ass't. Coach. Front row, same order: Mike Santore, Captain; Ted Malachowski, Peter Silbilla, Dabby Faucett, Steve Byrne, Joe Rondoletto, and Ray Bronner. Absent when picture was taken: Mike Augusti, goalie; Dave Makoney, and John Bashonski. photo by Jack Devine

The Agawam Hockey Association draws to another successful year with 6 out of 9 teams making the GSJHL playoffs, 8-10 A Coach Mike Byrne, 8-10 C - Rich Hill, 10-12 A - Andre Carrier, 12-14 A - Len Bruso, 14-16 A - Norm Couture and 14-16 B - Dick Vanasse.

Highlights of the season were many, one of which was when 14-16 A, "Norm Couture's Boys" won the Western Mass. Ahaus tournament. The team was

awarded a trophy by Ahaus Representative Ernie LaBranch. Also entering the same tournament was 12-14 A under Coach Len Bruso and the last game of the series against Greenfield was one of the most exciting games played. It went into overtime with a 2 to 2 tie and was finally decided by going one on one with Greenfield winning by a goal.

Winding up the season will be the annual goodwill trip to

Montreal, Canada to play the St. Collette Hockey Association. The trip is planned for April 21st weekend under the direction of Mrs. Jeanette Oullette. A return trip by St. Collette will be the following weekend.

Congratulations to the Agawam High School Hockey Team for winning the Western Mass. Division 2 Championship, all are former players from the Agawam Hockey Association!

Softball Manager's Meeting

The Feeding Hills Softball League will hold a manager's meeting on Friday, March 31, at 7 P.M. at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Managers or representatives of teams from Agawam and Feeding Hills who would like to play this year are invited to attend. If you would like any further information, contact Steve Witkiewicz at 786-5475.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

One of the oldest sporting clubs in the state has been revitalized and returned to its home ground. The Sandisfield Rod and Gun Club made the move a little over a year ago under the then president Renzo Balboni of Agawam. The club used to hold its annual meetings at the Agawam Sportsmen Club on Corey Street.

Last year the club moved to Sandisfield, Mass., and under the leadership of Mr. Babeu held a kids derby, and stocked the Buck, Clam and Farmington Rivers with trout.

This year the club will hold the "Kids Derby" on May 14th in Sandisfield. Prizes will be awarded the youngsters for their catches. Last year over 100 kids participated. A larger attendance is expected this year. The club plans to stock the three rivers in the area twice this year. The club always boasted in the past that practically every cent raised by dues and social functions is allocated for stocking of trout and the releasing of hares in local cover.

The new officers and Board of Directors plan to follow the same pattern, plus adding a piece of land where they can hold trap and turkey shoots. Eventually the membership plans to build a club house.

Officers elected for the year are: president, Robert Freeman; 1st vice, Renzo Balboni; secretary-treasurer, Pat Babeu; chairman of the Board, Bill Whalen and the following to the Board of Directors: Dave Kelley, Tom Serafini and James Peese. The club was founded 55 years ago. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Sam Provo and



Left to right are the leaders of the Sandisfield Rod & Gun Club finalizing the "Kids Derby" event. Robert Freeman, Dave Kelley, Pat Babeu, Tom Serafini, Bill Whalen and Renzo Balboni. Missing from the picture is James Peese of the Board of Directors.

Renzo Balboni are handling the membership in Agawam. The next meeting of the club will be April 16 at the Sandisfield Town Hall, 2:30 P.M.

The legal gun owner feels elated when he reads captions in the papers like "Indiana Long Gun Law Repealed" -- "Kentucky Handgun Ban Flops" -- "Federation Wins NYC Gun Law Case" -- "Philadelphia Loses Gun Law", etc. Then out of Washington, D.C. comes the following article: The Carter administration is making a "sneak attack" by seeking federal registration of all handguns, shotguns and rifles. The proposed rules were published as part of a plan to impose federal gun controls without the consent of Congress.

The regulations, calling for registration of all guns, were published by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, reported Rep. John Ashbrook of Ohio. The agency had told a House subcommittee they would go into effect within 60 days.

Ashbrook urged all gun

owners who believe in their right to security to write to AFT director Rex Davis to urge withdrawal of the proposed rules.

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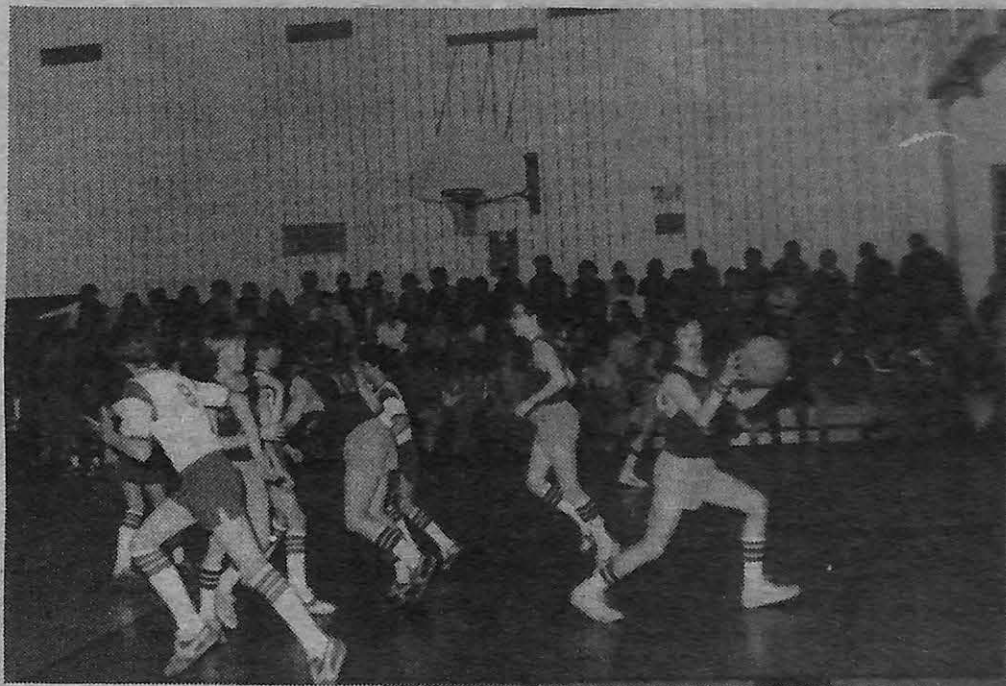
When the right to bear arms has been taken away from the private citizen, what then? The following is food for thought:

The Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" reports that an upstate grocer held two would-be burglars at bay with his shotgun. The burglars -- two, on duty, in uniform, Monroe County, New York Sheriff's Deputies.

Donald Grentzinger spent the night in his store with his shotgun. He was alarmed by the numerous attempts at breaking in of his establishment. A noise at the store's front proved to be one of the deputies using a crowbar to break in. The shop owner alerted the State Police. His shotgun at the ready, Grantzinger held the two deputies at bay until the troopers arrived. A third was arrested later.

The truth behind the premise that the armed citizen is the last defense of individual human liberties was demonstrated here.

McCarthy Tile Wins A.A.A. 10-12 Championship



The Agawam Athletic Association 10-12 Division Championship game was held between DePalma Motors and McCarthy Tile. McCarthy Tile won 54-33. photo by Jack Devine

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Lounge 21, Agawam A.A. Girls Basketball 14-17 Team: Front row, left to right: Sandy Berube, Patti DeCosmo, Diane D'Alma, Debbie Cheetham, and Karol Goehlert. Back row, same order: Sheri Baldarelli, Laura Gendron, Laurel Masi, Patty Niemiec, Karen Mazza, Chris Altobelli and Coach Bill O'Brien. Absent when picture was taken were coaches Alex Mason and Karl Goehlert.

Eleven girls from the Agawam Athletic Association basketball league played in the Chicopee Park & Rec Invitational Tournament and brought home second place honors. A well rounded team, the Lounge 21 girls, under the direction of Coach Bill O'Brien made it to the finals beating St. Anns of Chicopee by 40-26, and St. Patricks of Enfield by 54-35. In the St. Patricks game, 10 of the 11 girls scored for the

Agawam team.

The tournament was for girls between the ages of 14 and 17, but Agawam's team was comprised of girls 14 and 15 years old-so these girls will be back in the future.

High scorer during the tournament for Agawam were Shari Baldarelli, Debbie Cheetham, and Laura Gendron. All the girls played in every game and all the girls scored during the tournament. In the finals Agawam

faced Chicopee's Ward 6 team and lost 51-38.

Coach O'Brien indicated that the "team concept" was his philosophy. "Each of the girls is a well rounded ball player; we have girls who can play basketball. The girls play together...there isn't a gun on our team." He also indicated that some of these girls won the Springfield Tournament last year and will be around for several years.



The Agawam High J.V. Cheerleaders recently completed their season by entering a varsity all-state competition. Pictured from left to right are: back row-Lynda Roy, Coach; Laurie Saracino, Barbara Plante, Joan Lancour, Pam Circosta, and Vicki Kratimenos. Front Row, same order: Jean Stork, Carla Salotti, Jackie Ringuette, Jodi Ferraro and Patti DeCosmo. photo by Jack Devine

Bobecki Makes All-Stars

Alan Bobecki, senior at Westfield Vocational High School, son of Edward and Helen Bobecki of 32 Griffin Place, Feeding Hills, has been selected to the starting five of this year's Bi-County League Basketball All Star Team.

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Hall of Fame Dinner To Be At Chez Josef

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Basketball Committee of the Basketball Hall of Fame has recently announced their promotional events for the near future, which includes the annual enshrinement dinner taking place at the Chez Josef of Agawam.

The Basketball Committee is a group of area businessmen dedicated to helping the Basketball Hall of Fame, and the game of basketball in general.

Former Springfield mayor Sullivan is head of the committee formed in a meeting with Lee Williams, executive director for the Hall of Fame. The new committee is an outgrowth of an original group formed by the Chamber of Commerce. The former mayor is now associated with Sullivan & Keating Insurance of Springfield.

The committee's first project will be the handling of ticket sales for Basketball Hall of Fames annual Enshrinement Dinner, slated for May 1, at the Chez Josef of Agawam. Attending the dinner will be Jim Pollared, John Nucatola, Cliff Hagan, Joe Fuls, and Paul Araizin, who will become Hall of Famers at the dinner.

"These men will work closely with the Hall of Fame on its special promotions," Hall of Fame director Williams said. "They'll also work for the game in general. They're already talking about promoting the next NCAA Division II tournament here.

The Division II tourney will be back at the Springfield Civic Center in March of 1980.

Former Springfield mayor William Sullivan heads up a committee of many distinguished businessmen in the local area. He has the following members on his committee:

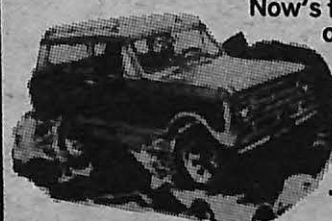
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Monarch; Henry Kelly, principal of Kiley Junior High School; Jake O'Donnel, Milton Bradley; Michael Pagos, director of the Springfield Boys Club; Harold Phillips, Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau; Stephen Root, Valley Bank; and Daniel Walsh, Walsh Insurance and chairman of the Springfield Parks Commission.

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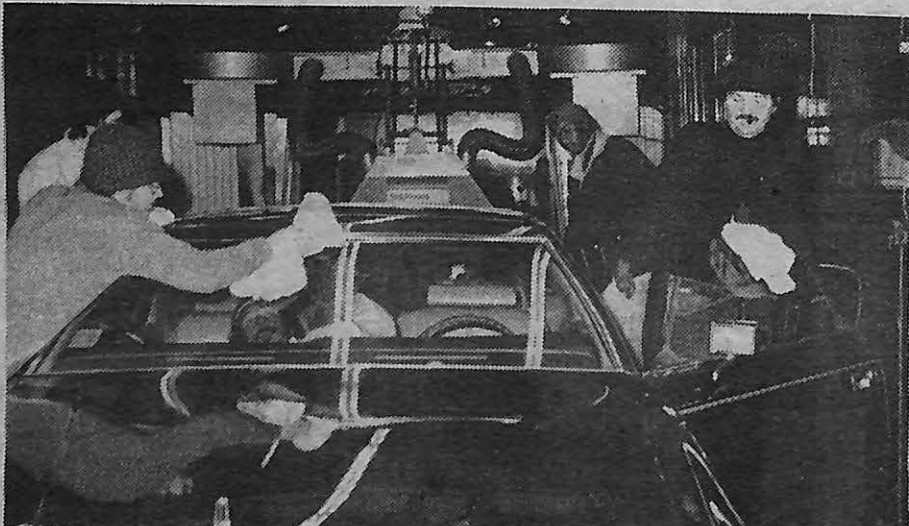
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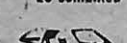
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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



SPRING has arrived, at least on the calendar it has. The first of the early spring flowering bulbs are peeking their green noses up to see the sun. These blooms are a joy to behold and will bring on a rapid attack of spring fever. To assure a repeat next spring, remember to fertilize them this year. A feeding of a low nitrogen fertilizer applied in liquid form or a granular type scratched into the soil around the bulbs will give these spring visitors the necessary nutrients to multiply and fortify themselves for more and more flowers in the future.

Speaking of the future, your vegetable garden plans ought to be well along by now. If you are unable to, or have decided not to sow seeds

indoors this year, to give you a head start on the growing season, remember you can buy the 'starter plants' you will need a many garden centers in the area. There are a few tips you should know before you go out and spend your dollars. Buy named varieties. Know what type of tomato or pepper plant you are getting in order to know what you can expect from it. If you are not familiar with the variety you buy, ask questions. Tomatoes are probably the most popular vegetable grown by the home gardener, so here are some things to look for. Plants should be dark green, thick stemmed and in good condition. Don't buy wilted plants or those with a lot of damaged leaves. If the plants have blossoms or tiny fruit, pinch them off at planting time. At this point, the plants need to devote all their energy to becoming established. At planting time outdoors, give them a starter solution. A starter solution is made by dissolving fertilizer high in phosphorus, such as 5-10-5. Use two tablespoons in a gallon of water. Give each plant about a pint. After digging the hole, put the plant in it. Apply starter solution before filling the hole with soil. It will really make a big difference.

Companion and compatible plantings are a gardeners arsenal in the garden. A companion plant is one that assists another plant in the control of a disease or of an insect pest. Marigolds, asters, mums, cosmos and coreopsis are among the flowers whose scent is repellent to assorted insects. Most aromatic herbs can also get the same effect. Some of these herbs are basil, rose-

mary and sage. Grow sage with carrots, rosemary with cabbage and nasturtiums, all over the garden. This flower repels white flies, squash bugs, cucumber beetles and other pests in the garden. If aphids are noticed on nasturtiums, this indicates a lime deficiency in the soil.

Try planting onion sets through a newspaper mulch: moisten onion patch, spread 4 or 5 layers of newspaper over planting area (wetting each layer). Jam a hole through the wet paper and plop in the set. Cover the newspaper with grass clippings, shredded leaves, straw or any mulch material. This will help with the weed problem in the onion patch.

When seeding carrots, try mixing one cup of UNUSED coffee grounds with a package of seeds - mixing helps space the tiny carrot seeds to cut down on later thinning. If the cost of coffee makes you nervous, use some coarse builders sand, its cheaper and will work as well.

House plant pruning is done for more than a few reasons. Cuttings to start new plants and controlling the growth of the plant are two common reasons. Pruning also means many things. Removing damaged or yellow leaves will help your plant keep its self-respect. When taking cuttings from a large overgrown houseplant, stand back first and look for the natural shape of the plant. Cut off stems or leaves that are out of proportion. On a stem, cut between sets of leaves to obtain a cutting to root. Have at least three sets of leaves on your cutting.

NEXT WEEK: More about houseplant pruning, tips on growing potatoes, how to shrink the vegetable garden and get more out of it!

KEEP SMILING,
JMC

Agawam Friendly's to Close Temporarily

The Friendly Ice Cream restaurant located at 19 Springfield Street in Agawam will undergo major renovation

causing the unit to close temporarily beginning Monday, March 27, 1978 at 12 midnight.

Originally opened in 1957, the Friendly restaurant has continued to be a busy location, according to Friendly officials. The renovations will include an adjacent vacant store, as well as present space, to produce a larger restaurant with primarily booth seating in addition to new menu items as extra features.

The Agawam site was selected to be expanded because of established customer following. The restaurant is scheduled to reopen for business in late June.

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